



ACTS and LAWS,

Made and passed in and by the General Court or Assembly of the State of Connecticut, in America, holden at New-Haven, (in said State) on the second Thursday of October, A. D. 1798.

An Act, in addition to, and alteration of an Act, entitled, "An Act for regulating Gaols and Gaolers."

PAR. I. **B**E it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That
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In case of contagious sickness, prisoners to be removed.

whenever the Prisoners in any Gaol in this State, shall be exposed to any prevailing malignant sickness, it shall be the duty of the Judge of the County Court, or two Justices of the quorum in the County where such sickness prevails, to cause such Prisoner or Prisoners to be removed at the expense of the State, to some place of safety, in the next Gaol in the same or adjoining County, there to be kept in the same manner as is now provided by Law, until such sickness shall abate in the place or places from whence such Prisoner or Prisoners have been removed; and then such Prisoner or Prisoners shall, by order of such Judge or two Justices of the quorum, be removed back to the same Gaol from whence they were taken, also at the expense of the State. And all Keepers of Gaols to which such Prisoner or Prisoners shall be removed, are hereby commanded to receive such Prisoner or Prisoners, agreeable to the order of such Judge or two Justices of the quorum, and them safely keep, until they be duly remanded as aforesaid or released, according to Law.

Poor prisoners oath.

2. And be it further enacted, That when any Person or Persons are committed to the Prison in any civil matter or action, the Keeper of the Prison shall not stand charged with his or their supply of Viſtuals or other Necessaries, and in case the Prisoner hath no Estate, and will and do take before an Assistant or Justice of the Peace, the following Oath, viz.

Form.

"You A. B. solemnly swear that you have not any Estate, real or personal, in possession, reversion or remainder of the value of *Seventeen Dollars* in the whole, or sufficient to pay the Debt or Damages for which you are imprisoned (excepting what is by Law exempted from being taken on execution,) and that you have not directly or indirectly sold or otherwise disposed of all or any part of your Estate, thereby to secure the same, to receive or expect any profit or advantage thereof; or to defraud or deceive your creditors. *So help you God.*"

Repeal.

3. Be it further enacted, That the tenth Paragraph of the Law to which this is an addition, be and the same is hereby repealed.

An Act in alteration of an Act, entitled, "An Act for regulating Salaries and Fees."

Fees of assistants and representatives.

BE it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That for the present, as well as future session of the General Assembly, the Fees for Assistants shall be *Two Dollars*, and for the Representatives *One Dollar and Thirty-four Cents*, each per day.

An Act, in addition to an Act, entitled, "An Act for constituting and regulating Courts, and appointing the times and places for holding the same."

PAR. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That no Judge of any Court in this State, shall appear at the Bar of the Court of which he is a Judge, as Attorney, except in his own cause or that of the Town to which he belongs, or in such cases where there shall be so near a relation between such Judge and either of the parties in the cause as between Father and Son, either by nature or marriage, Brother and Brother in like kind, Uncle and Nephew in like kind, Landlord and Tenant. A judge not to act as attorney.

2. And if any Judge of any Court in this State shall appear at the Bar of said Court, as Attorney in any cause contrary to the provisions of this Act, he shall be incapable of holding the Office of Judge in said Court during the term for which he shall have been elected. Incapacity.

An Act in addition to and alteration of an Act, entitled, "An Act relating to Towns and Town Officers."

PAR. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That the meetings of the several Towns, in this State, shall be holden some time in the Month of November, or December, annually, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. Time of holding town-meetings.

2. Be it further enacted, That so much of the third Paragraph of the Act to which this is in addition, as restricts such meetings to be holden in the Month of December annually, be and the same is hereby repealed. Repeal.

An Act in addition to and alteration of an Act, entitled, "An Act for Incorporating a part of the Town of New-Haven."

BE it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That all that part of the Town of New-Haven, which lies easterly of the Long Lane, or Cheshire road, so called; and southerly of the Line or Lines, dividing between the Towns of New-Haven and Hamden, shall be annexed to, and become a part of the City of New-Haven. Limits of New-Haven city.

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Fisheries. Dogs. Prosecutions.

An Act in addition to and alteration of an Act, entitled,
“An Act for encouraging and regulating Fisheries.”

Time of fish-
ing in Ousa-
tonick river.

PAR. 1. *BE it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That no Person or Persons shall draw any Sein or other Fish Craft in Ousatonick River north of the Grist-Mill now owned by Samuel Wheeler, lying in the Town of Stratford on the West side of said River, or North of Fords Hole, being in the Town of Milford, on the East side of said River, except between the rising of the Sun on Monday morning and the rising of the Sun on Saturday morning, in each week, in the Months of April, May, and June annually, on penalty of forfeiting the sum of Fourteen Dollars and such Sein and other Implement so made use of in taking said Fish: One half to the use of him who shall sue for and prosecute the same to effect and the other half to the use of the Treasurer of the Town where the offence is committed, which penalty may be sued for and recovered before any Assistant or Justice of the Peace, and no appeal shall be allowed in such case.*

Repeal.

2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the fourth section of said Act, of which this Act is in addition, so far as respects Ousatonick River, be and the same is hereby repealed.

An Act to repeal part of an Act, entitled, “An Act, in addition to, and in alteration of an Act, entitled, an Act for preventing mischief by Dogs.”

Repeal.

BE it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That the fourth Paragraph of said Act be, and the same is hereby repealed.

An Act in addition to, and in alteration of an Act, “For the limitation of prosecutions in divers cases, civil and criminal.”

Three years
limitation of
prosecutions
against slave
trade, &c.

BE it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That all actions or prosecutions, brought to recover any penalty which may hereafter be incurred by the breach of an Act, entitled, “An Act, concerning Indian, Mulatto, and Negro Servants and Slaves,” or an Act, entitled, “An Act to prevent the Slave Trade,” or upon any Act

made in addition thereto, whereby any penalty may be incurred, may be brought and prosecuted any time within three Years after such cause of action shall arise, any thing in the Act to which this is in addition notwithstanding.

An Act limiting a time for presenting for Payment or Registry all out-standing State Notes, Interest Certificates, Pay-Table Orders, and Bills of Credit of this State.

BE it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That all State Notes, Interest Certificates, Pay-Table Orders, and Bills of Credit of this State, which at the time of passing this Act shall be out-standing, shall on or before the fourth day of March next be presented at the Office of the Comptroller of this State for the purpose of being discharged in a transfer of Stock of the United States standing to the credit of this State on the Books of the Treasury of the United States, agreeable to existing Laws, (or of being lodged and registered in said Office, at the option of the holders)—and every of said State Notes, Interest Certificates, Pay-Table Orders, or Bills of Credit, which shall not be presented at the said Office within said time, shall be forever after barred and precluded from settlement and allowance. And the Comptroller shall make return of all such Notes, Interest Certificates, Pay-Table Orders, and Bills of Credit of this State as the holders shall not choose to have paid and discharged in Stock of the United States.

Limitation on state notes, &c.

An Act in further addition to an Act, entitled, “ An Act appropriating the Monies which shall arise on the sale of the Western Lands belonging to this State.”

BE it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That it shall be lawful for any School Societies which have hitherto omitted to hold their meetings agreeably to the provisions of Law, to hold such meetings in the Month of December next, and therein to proceed according to the directions of the Act to which this is in addition. And such Societies when formed shall be entitled to their part and proportion of the Monies so appropriated in the same manner as though they had formed agreeably to said Act, and the Listers of the Towns where there shall be any such Societies, shall by the

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first Day of February next, certify to the Comptroller the amount of the Lists of the respective Society so formed.

An Act, in addition to an Act, entitled, "An Act for providing and regulating of Jurors in Civil Actions."

Town of Oxford to choose five jurors.

BE it enacted by the Governor and Council, and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That the Town of Oxford shall choose the number of five Jurymen, in the same way and manner as other Towns in this State are enabled by Law to do.

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